Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Newsletter

Mission

To protect the health, safety and welfare of Arizona citizens by regulating the psychology profession

FAREWELL FROM CHAIRMAN COUNTS

I have just completed my second term as chair of the Board, and it has been a sincere pleasure working with this highly competent Board and supporting staff. We are fortunate in Arizona to have a well run Board. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to make disciplinary or regulatory decisions agreeable to everyone. However, I can honestly say that fairness to both the public and the profession are always a primary concern of this Board.

If you will recall in the last newsletter, we asked for input on matters germane to the Board. This has resulted in increased attendance at Board meetings, and more licensees addressing the Board during the time set aside for "call to the public". The input received from licensees was a factor in the oral exam decision, and this input is pertinent to a host of other impending decisions ranging from post doctoral supervision to mobility.

It is quite evident that the type of knowledge gained from attending Board meetings helps to prevent unintentional mistakes that lead to Board complaints, and helps keep the Board informed of contemporary practice issues. We feel that licensees attending Board meetings is such an important educational process that we are looking into the possibility of awarding CE credit for it.

As we look back, the last two years have brought us passage of House Bill 2486, which will provide adequate funds for the Board to continue operating with integrity; continued improvements in developing mutually beneficial working relationships with the various psychological associations within the state; a web page which increases communication with those we serve; a sunset review with results to be published soon; and a host of administrative enhancements which help both the public and licensees.

It has been an honor serving as chair for the past two years and I sincerely hope that the fruits of my labor, combined with the extra effort of each individual Board member, have collectively laid the foundation for this Board to be healthy and strong for entry into the next millennium.

Thanks for your input, and continue keeping us informed of your thoughts and concerns by calling Board members and by attending Board meetings. We all know that communication is the key to success.

Wil R. Counts, R.Ph., Ph.D.

MEET THE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

The composition of the State of Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners (Board) includes seven licensed psychologist members and two public members who do not have a substantial interest in the health care industry. At least two of the seven licensed psychologists must be full-time faculty members from the state universities and at least three must be in professional practice. All Board members are appointed by the Governor of Arizona and confirmed by the State Senate. Members serve a five year term or they can be appointed to fill an unexpired term of a previous Board member. The function of the Board is to license and regulate the practice of psychology on behalf of the citizens of Arizona.

T.H. Guerin, Jr., J.D., Chair

Public Board Member

Term expiration: 1-21-02 Phoenix, AZ

Maureen K. Lassen, Ph.D., Vice Chair

Professional Practice Board Member

Term expiration: 1-18-04 Tempe, AZ

Gary D. Lovejoy, Ph.D., Board Secretary Professional Practice Board Member

Term expiration: 1-21-02 Tempe, AZ

Wil R. Counts, R.Ph., Ph.D.

Professional Practice Board Member

Term expiration: 1-17-00 Phoenix, AZ

Denise M. Bainton, J.D.

Public Board Member

Term expiration: 1-18-04 Tucson, AZ

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

Professional Practice Board Member

Term expiration: 01-15-01 Tucson, AZ

Eugene R. Moan, Ed.D.

University Board Member, NAU

Term expiration: 1-15-01 Flagstaff, AZ

Maryann Santos de Barona, Ph.D. University Board Member, ASU

Term expiration: 1-15-03 Tempe, AZ

David P. Yandell, Ph.D.

Professional Practice Board Member

Term expiration: 1-16-00 Phoenix, AZ

BOARD STAFF

Ms. Maxine McCarthy Ms. Wendy Sticht Executive Director Projects Specialist

Ms. Diane Lucas Mr. David S. Shapiro

Administrative Secretary Investigator

The Board's counsel is Assistant Attorney General, Nancy J. Beck, J. D.

A FOND FAREWELL

It is with respect and admiration for her many contributions that our Board and Staff say farewell to *Lisa Gervase*, *J.D.*

The Board expresses its sincere thanks for her service as a dedicated Board Member who was instrumental in shaping the Board's statutes, rules and procedures. We wish her luck in her future endeavors.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1999-00 Board Meeting dates:

Aug 6-7, 1999	Apr 7-8, 2000
Oct 1-2, 1999	Jun 2-3, 2000
Dec 3-4, 1999	Aug 4-5, 2000
Feb 4-5, 2000	Oct 6-7, 2000

Any person may address the Board on any subject for five minutes during the "Call to the Public" at Board meetings. This is usually scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. The Board may not discuss, consider, or take action on subjects not appearing on the agenda.

Contact the Board Office for further information regarding the agenda, meeting times and room location.

BOARD'S WEB PAGE

www.goodnet.com/~azbpe E Mail: azbpe@goodnet.com

The Board's web page currently has the following information:

Board Members & Staff
Statutes

Board Meeting & Exam Schedules
Directory of Arizona Licensees
Application Form
Complaint Form
Frequently Asked

Questions

Other Resources & Information

The Directory of Arizona licensees allows potential clients and

referral sources to obtain basic information about our licensees. Please notify the Board office if there are errors or omissions in the Directory.

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) dates:

October 13, 1999 Phoenix AZ
April 12, 2000 Phoenix AZ
October 11, 2000 Phoenix AZ

BOARD SANCTIONS A PSYCHOLOGIST FOR USE OF "THOUGHT FIELD THERAPY"

The Board recently sanctioned a psychologist for the use of Thought Field Therapy (TFT) in the practice of psychology. TFT practitioners are reportedly trained at up to three levels. The first uses a preselected set of points on the body which the patient is instructed to tap with the patient's finger for specific symptoms. The second (diagnostic) level uses "muscle testing", in a form of energy healing/applied kinesiology, to diagnose the origins of a patient's symptoms and derive a tailored set of points to be tapped by the patient. The third level uses "voice technology" (VT) or some method of listening to the patient's voice over the phone while discussing the patient's symptoms. The operator of the VT then conveys the specific points to be tapped in order to treat the patient's symptoms.

A psychologist trained at the highest level of TFT was using TFT as the psychologist's primary practice of psychology. Significant to the Board's decision to sanction the psychologist was his refusal to disclose to the Board any information about the technology or device which was utilized in the voice technology, citing a confidentiality agreement with the creator of the technique and the sizeable financial penalty which would occur if such was disclosed. Though claims were made to the public of a 95% success or cure rate, no such substantive, credible research data was provided or available to the Board.

The Board concluded that the psychologist was using TFT to diagnose and treat emotional and mental disorders. Furthermore, the Board found that TFT, as presented by this psychologist, was not the practice of psychology by current standards of practice. The licensee was placed on probation, ordered to exclude TFT from his practice of psychology, and required to have a practice monitor, chosen by the Board, to ensure exclusion of TFT from his practice of psychology.

The Board's order did not prohibit the licensee from practicing TFT apart from the practice of psychology.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board has received 36 requests for investigation since June 1, 1998. Of those, 20 were dismissed, 1 letter of concern was issued, 4 resulted in the opening of complaints, and 11 are ongoing.

Disciplinary actions since June 1, 1998 are as follows: James W. Bennett, Ed.D. - Revocation by Consent Agreement

Rachel B. Burkholder, Ph.D. - Probation Stephen P. Daniel, Ph.D. - Stipulated Agreement

Christine A. Grubb, Ph.D. - Probation
Andrew F. Miller, Ph.D. - Revocation by Consent
Agreement

Don T. Muilenberg, Ph.D. - Decree of Censure Gregory J. Novie, Ph.D. - Motion for Rehearing Pending

1999 RENEWALS

Arizona Revised Statutes §25-320(L) mandates that each licensing board or agency that issues professional or occupational licenses or certificates shall obtain and record the social security numbers of its applicants and licensees. The social security numbers will be used by the Department of Economic Security to locate noncustodial parents or the assets of noncustodial parents. Social security numbers will only be released to federal or state governmental agencies.

The pink "Confidential Information" page which was added to the renewal form and contains social security number, home address, and home phone number is filed in the confidential section of license files and is not available for public viewing. Simply stated, the white form is public information and the pink sheet is confidential.

The following is a list of licensees who did not provide the Board with a change of address; whose mail from the Board has been returned; and whose licenses have expired:

Linda R. Backman, Ed.D.

Arlene R. Bruskin, Ph.D.

Janet L. Carey, Ph.D.

Gloria Neumann, Psy.D.

David G. Ray, Ph.D.

Licensees Retired Since April 30, 1997:

Marlene M. Bence, Ph.D. Tucson AZ John R. Bergan, Ph.D. Tucson AZ Edson E. Campbell, Ph.D. Sun City W AZ Robert C. Colligan, Ph.D. Rochester MN Sally M. Cushman, Ph.D. Tucson AZ Dwight Erlick, Ph.D. Scottsdale AZ Nancy G. Forrester, Ph.D. Phoenix AZ James Fredrick, Ed.D. Flagstaff AZ Donald Guinouard, Ed.D. Tempe AZ James Hamner, Ph.D. Jackson MS Dorothy Healey, Ph.D. Scottsdale AZ Donald Kenover, Ph.D. Ketchikan AK Kent Kloepping, Ed.D. Tucson AZ D. Thomas Mullenberg, Ph.D. Scottsdale AZ Rena O'Mallev. M.A. Flagstaff AZ Jean Radomski, Ph.D. Lebanon PA Douglas R. Schiebel, Ph.D. Phoenix AZ Richard K. Smith. Ph.D. Phoenix AZ Lester M. Snyder, Jr., Ph.D. Tempe AZ Clinton Street, Ph.D. Casa Grande AZ

The number of active licensees continues to decrease as the number of licensees changing to inactive status, retiring and allowing their licenses to lapse exceeds the number of psychologists becoming licensed in Arizona.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Some of the most frequently asked questions received by Board staff concern continuing education requirements. Since it is the intention of the Board to protect the public and benefit the profession, we will do our best to continue to address those questions.

Arizona Administrative Code R4-25-207 gives licensees a generous forum upon which to satisfy Continuing Education

requirements. In short, the content must be at least 75% related to the practice of psychology and the presenters must be licensed or certified in their field. Continuing education units (CEUs) do not have to be APA approved.

A minimum of 60 hours of CEUs must be completed during each two year renewal cycle. Hours in excess of the required 60 cannot be applied to future renewal cycles. At least 40 hours of CEUs must have documentation of completion from the provider. A maximum of 20 hours of CEUs (using an honor system) includes activities in which most licensees participate on a regular basis, even including case conferences. Licensees should record these activities as they occur, including a description of the activity, when it occurred, and the time devoted to the activity.

For new licensees, the 60 hours over two years computes to 2.5 hours a month from the time your license is issued to the end of the renewal period which is always April 30 of every odd year.

Random Audits

The Board, pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code R4-26-207(G), may audit its licensees' compliance with continuing education requirements. The purpose of the audit is to ensure the competent and safe practice of psychology in our State. During the last audit in 1997, 46 licensees were randomly contacted. Only one licensee was found to be out of compliance and was given 90 days to complete the continuing education requirement. During the 1999 renewal cycle, 50 licensees have been randomly chosen. The reports of this audit will be provided in a future newsletter.

FEES

The following are the current fees associated with licensing, renewals, and services provided by the Board:

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Application	\$300	
Reapplication	\$200	
EPPP	\$375	
Initial License	pro-rated	
Bi-Annual Active Renewal	\$300	
Bi-Annual Inactive Renewal	\$ 25	
Reinstatement of Expired License	\$200	
Bi-Annual Retired Renewal	\$ 0	
Bi-Annual Medical Inactive	\$ 0	
Verbal License Verification	No charge	
Written License Verification	\$ 2	
(No charge to our licensees)		
Copies of Rules & Statutes	\$ 5	
(No charge to our licensees)		
Other copies	25¢/pg	
Duplicate Renewal Receipt	\$ 5	
Duplicate Certificate	\$ 25	

Y2K Compliance

Due to funds obtained by the Board from Government Information Technology Agency for the purpose of becoming Y2K compliant, the Board is in the process of changing the software program for its licensee database. This will be a gradual process as staff will be designing screens and forms and recreating calculating data fields on the new software.

REVISIONS TO RULES AND STATUTES

The Administrative Code rules governing the Board were recently revised as mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1072 through 1078, to implement "Time-frames" for processing of applications for licensure and renewal. These revisions are currently available for viewing on the website.

There are other revisions to the rules and statutes in progress which, once enacted, will be mailed to all active licensees.

NEW LICENSEES OF THE BOARD

On behalf of all Arizona licensed psychologists, the Board of Psychologist Examiners welcomes our newest licensees who were licensed between August 12, 1998 and April 30, 1999:

Rebecca L. Aadland, Ph.D. Robbie Adler-Tapia, Ph.D. Cela Marie Archambault, Ph.D. John F. Berkman, Ph.D. Robert A. Briggs, Ph.D. William S. Brook, Ph.D. Wilhelmina B.R. Calis, Ph.D. Kimberly A. Cohen, Ph.D. James Frederick Comer. Ph.D. Lauren Kwon Dawson, Ph.D. Jon Edward Eggert, Ed.D. Matthew L. Ferrara, Ph.D. Deborah M. Garcia, Ph.D. Yolanda E. Garcia, Ph.D. Lisa Christine Gaudet, Psy.D. Foy W. Green, III, Ph.D. Elizabeth Ann Hammond, Ph.D. Sterling C. Johnson, Ph.D. Cornelia Fitch Jones, Ph.D. Lesli F. Lamber, Ph.D. Karen Alice Lawson, Ph.D. David M. Lechuga, Ph.D. Aileen A. Lee, Ph.D. Toni M. Leo. Ph.D. Patricia Ann Linn-Fuentes, Ph.D. Warren Ray Littleford, Ph.D. Shelley Frazier Pelletier, Ph.D. Janet Sue Perry, Ph.D. Cornelia Mare Pinnell, Ph.D. David Earl Pool, Psy.D. Marjory K. Preston, Psy.D. David Stuart Prince, Psy.D. James Roche, Ph.D. Christina M. Rodriguez, Ph.D. Patricia Anne Roe, Psy.D. Susanne Crabtree Rotella, Ph.D. Casi Ellis Ruffo. Ed.D. Anthony J. Rusch, Ph.D. Kerri F. Salamanca, Ph.D. Terry R. Schwartz, Psy.D. Jodi Ann Sciandra, Psy.D. Cherri Ann Selvey, Ed.D. Melissa Miller Sloan, Psv.D. Walanda Walker Smith, Ph.D.

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IN MEMORY

The Board wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of the following psychologists who passed away since the last newsletter was issued:

Barbara Chester, Ph.D.
Sitka AK
Scott M. Connor, Psy.D.
Scottsdale AZ
John Edward Landino, Ph.D.
Charles G. Matthews, Ph.D.
Cherri Ann Selvey, Ed.D.
Sitka AK
Scottsdale AZ
Antioch TN
Madison WI
Flagstaff AZ

LEGAL DUTY TO NOTIFY AZBPE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Arizona Revised Statutes §32-2066 mandates that every licensed psychologist is responsible for notifying the Board office in writing of any name or address change within 30 days of the change. Correspondence from the Board, such as licensure renewal, notice of disciplinary charges, and notice of hearing are mailed to the last known address of the psychologist. Therefore, failure to properly notify the Board of one's current address can result in a lapsed license, noncompliance with regulations of the Board, or disciplinary action on the psychologist's license. NOTE: The statutes provide that correspondence to the last known address is legal notice. If the mailing is not returned to the Board, the legal presumption is that the psychologist has been properly notified of the mailing. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times. A change of address form appears in each issue of the Board's newsletter.

HOUSE BILL 2486

During the last Legislative Session, the Board introduced legislation to increase its fee caps (HB 2486). This Bill passed in both the House and the Senate and was signed by Governor Hull on May 4, 1999. The Board had not approached the Legislature regarding fee increases since 1990. The reason for the increase was that the Board's licensee base is declining. In fiscal year 1999, only 48 individuals were licensed, while 117 active licensees were lost through changes to inactive status, retirement, expiration, death or revocation. Unfortunately, fewer licensees translate to higher fees. Budget projections revealed that the Board's fund reserves would reach a deficit level by 2004 if fees were not increased, despite conservative spending practices. The Board feels that this new legislation allows it to take a proactive approach to the budget in order to alleviate

problems in the future.

The Board has expanded its services to the public and its licensees in many ways. It has added an investigator position, which allows complaints to be resolved more quickly. It has also automated its database, instituted a Newsletter and a Consumer Guide, and created a Web page. The Board will continue to pursue ways in which it can increase its services.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Arizona Psychological Association, the Granite Mountain Psychological Association, the Arizona Association of Black Psychologists, and the Southern Arizona Psychological Association whose members and staffs were very supportive and instrumental in the passage of this legislation.

The Board is funded entirely by revenue from fees as listed under the "Fees" section above. Ten percent goes into the State General Fund and the remainder is used for expenses including but not limited to the following:

Operating Costs:

- · Staff salaries and benefits
- Board per diem and travel
- Rent
- Equipment & supplies
- · Postage & telephone

Licensing & Examination Costs:

- · Examination facilities
- Staff & Board costs for processing and reviewing applications, scheduling examinations, and issuing licenses
- Renewal and continuing education audit processing Disciplinary Costs:
- · Court reporting services and transcripts
- Investigation Consultants
- · Investigator travel
- Hearing officer services

ORAL EXAMINATION NO LONGER REQUIRED

On the recommendation of the Oral Examination Committee, the Board, at its June 4th meeting, voted to discontinue the use of the Oral Examination as a requirement for licensure, effective immediately.

The motion approved states "...that the Board [will] discontinue its use of the Oral Examination due to a lack of resources to continue to conduct and improve the Oral Examination procedures..." While the examination has undergone continuous improvement since its first administration in 1995, maintaining the exam and the Board's ongoing commitment to its improvement is clearly beyond the personnel and financial resources of the Board at this time. Additionally, the motion "... does not preclude the Board from voting to reinstate an additional examination in the future".

The decision to use an examination in addition to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology is at the discretion of the Board pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2072(A). Board members have expressed an interest in considering the use of an oral exam being developed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards or possibly an Arizona jurisprudence examination.

David P. Yandell, Ph.D., Chair Oral Examination Committee*

The Oral Examination has benefited from the dedicated efforts of many Arizona psychologists as well as consultants from other states. Over the life of the Oral Examination, some 80 Arizona psychologists participated as Oral Examiners. They wrote and administered each examination and it has been their combined professional experience which formed the basis for identifying the skills necessary to successfully practice psychology in Arizona. While space limitations

prohibit the mention of each of the Oral Examiners, several have participated in nearly all of the examinations since its inception including John Beck, Ph.D., Douglas Bergstrom, Ph.D., Ron Davis, Ph.D., John DiBacco, Ph.D., James Cox, Ed.D., and Victor Nahmias, Ph.D. All of their time and effort was given without compensation except for continuing education credit. The board expresses its gratitude to all of the Oral Examiners who so generously have given their time and energy since 1994 when the development of the exam began.

The Board also expresses its gratitude to Frank Powell, Ph.D., who has been a long time member of the California Board of Psychology. He came to Arizona first in 1994 to train the Board and the Oral Examiners in establishing the Oral Examination and returned in 1995 on the occasion of our first administration to oversee the entire process. He has participated since that time as an unpaid consultant on numerous occasions freely sharing his wealth of experience, advice, and suggestions. We were extremely fortunate in having Dr. Powell's assistance. It is difficult to imagine anyone else being as helpful in establishing our Oral Examination. We are indebted to him.

I also want to acknowledge the special effort and support of Board Member Gene Moan, Ed.D., who, along with his Northern Arizona University colleagues, initially provided the statistical analysis of the exam. We also want to acknowledge Richard Poor, Ph.D., of Uniscore, Inc. in New Jersey and most recently Darrell Sabers, Ph.D., of the University of Arizona for their provision of the statistical analysis of the examination.

In 1998, Norman Hertz, Ph.D., Manager of the Office of Examination Resources of the State of California, graciously reviewed our examination procedures and rendered his opinions and recommendations to the Board without charge. Others who have been helpful include Tom O'Brien, Executive Director of the California Board of Psychology and Randolph Reaves, CEO of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

The Board also wishes to thank the members of the Oral Examination Committee: Maryann Santos de Barona, Ph.D., Jan Brundage, Ph.D., and Wil Counts, Ph.D. These individuals have given generously of their time and we are most appreciative of their many efforts. We must also acknowledge and give public thanks to the dedicated staff of the Board office: Maxine McCarthy, Executive Director, Wendy Sticht, Projects Specialist, and Diane Lucas,

Administrative Secretary. Without their tireless efforts in virtually every aspect of the examination, it would not have been possible to have had the Oral Examination.

*David Yandell is a member of the Board of Psychologist Examiners. The opinions expressed are his own and do not represent an official opinion of the Board.

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		FORMER NAME: CURRENT HOME ADDRESS:

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